

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 and 14-22 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 18, 21 and 22 have been amended and claim 13 has been cancelled. New claims 23-26 have been added.

Claims 1-22 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-48 of copending Application No. 09/878,319. In response, a Terminal Disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith, thus overcoming this rejection.

Claims 13, 18 and 22 stand objected to because the noted informalities. In response, claim 13 has been cancelled and claims 18 and 22 have been amended, and it is believed that the objection has been overcome.

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Moran (6,647,400). In response, claims 1 and 21 have been amended and are believed patentable over Moran for the reasons discussed below.

The correlator in the present invention utilizes event correlation services (ECS). Claim 1 has been amended to recite "wherein at least one of said at least one correlator uses event driven correlation services having an ECS engine core." Claim 21 has been amended to include "using event driven correlation". An event driven correlator is not described in Moran. Moran is instead data driven and not event driven. For least this reason, claims 1 and 21 should be allowable. Claims 2-20 and 23-27 recite additional important limitations and should be allowable along with the independent claims. Accordingly, the anticipation rejection should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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